

#### UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA 25 April 2010



#### WELCOME TO GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH

If you are new to our congregation please fill in a Visitor Card so we may have the privilege of contacting you. Cards are available at the door, at the end of the pews, and on the 'Welcoming Table' in the foyer.

Please make yourself known to one of our members and join us for a 'cuppa' between services.

#### **Vision Statement:**

GWUC is a faithful, Christ-centred community that meets God and shares that unconditional love. meet\_god@anytime.with.us

SUNDAY 25 April 8.00 am	Anzac Day Weekend Ross Mackinnon (Holy Communion)	Easter 4
9.00 am	Rev Greg Fry Worship Band	* *
11.00 am	Rev Greg Fry Choir	*
4.30 pm	4.30 pm Worship & Kids Church <u>Debbie Davey/Rev Greg Fry</u> (Baptism)  At this service we welcome into our Church <b>Joel Reilly Easton</b> son of <b>Mark &amp; Kimbe</b> and brother to <b>Rachael</b>	•
7.00 pm	Worship 'Detox'	
<u>Lectionary</u>	Acts 9: 36-43, Psalm 23 Revelation 7: 9-17, John 10: 22-30	
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# Today's 'Thoughtful Flowers' are in memory of all our Anzacs, and also to celebrate the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Don and Margaret Drummond on 27 April.

A Luncheon will be held in the Church Hall today after the 11.00 am Service.

All are invited!

#### POST EASTER STUDY - "EVERYTHING MUST CHANGE"

This study is based on Brian McLaren's book of the same name.

"Our world faces unprecedented challenges and crises and the church will either be part of the problem or part of the solution. To be part of the solution, followers of Christ must be ready for a bold new adventure of faith and action."

Groups did this study during 2009. It sparked great debate and interest about what the life and teachings of Jesus have to say about current societal and global issues.

**Part 1** – Discussion centred on "Are we, the church, doing what Jesus intended? Are we, the individuals in the church, focussing too much on "me", "my soul", "my spiritual life" and my "eternal destination" rather than addressing dominant societal and global realities: systemic injustice, systemic poverty, systemic ecological crises, and systemic dysfunctions of many kinds? The group felt that GWUC is aware and responding to some issues that Jesus would have us address but asked the question – Where to now?

Although there are 8 Sessions in the complete study, one may join the group at any stage and attend as many sessions as one wishes.

To have read the relevant chapters (Parts) of the book pertaining to a Session would be advantageous but not essential.

Some copies of the book are available on loan. For availability please contact Herb Fleming on 0407 516 827.

#### Remaining Sessions are held in Room 2 on the following dates:

Thursdays at 7.30pm:

 April 29th
 Part 3
 May 13th
 Part 4
 May 20th
 Part 5

 May 27th
 Part 6
 June 10th
 Part 7
 June 17th
 Part 8

You will note that Thursdays May 6th and June 3rd are not included

If you have any queries, please contact Herb Fleming on 0407 516 827.

#### Men's Fellowship

#### Tuesday 4 May at 2.00 pm

Speaker Arthur Tonkin, Historian

"Who were the first settlers in Victoria?"

Enquiries: Malcolm Chamberlain 9764 0975

#### GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH ADULT FELLOWSHIP

#### ANNUAL LUNCHFON

Tuesday 4 May at 12 noon



Traralgon Uniting church Fabric Art Group present "Exploring Faith Through Fabric"

Tickets now selling \$20 (Presentation only at 1.15 pm) \$10

#### **Trading Table**

See Geraldine Fleming, Diana Coles, Beverly McGlead, Ann Wardell or the Church Office for tickets.

#### **ADULT GROUP**

Friday 7 May at 8.00 pm

Presentation by Paul Bartlett on the work of Frontier Services

#### All are welcome

Enquiries: Pat/Ross 9780 2690, Bobbie 9803 0379, Graeme 9561 1370

#### **CHRISTIAN UNITY ECUMENICAL SUNDAY - 16 MAY 2010**



On that day we are invited to send 2 representatives to each of 4 other churches in the area, and 2 from GWUC at our own 9.00 am service. We will be visited by representatives from those same churches.

Each pair will present a candle and a prayer.

If you would like to be part of this celebration, please add your name to the list on the Office counter. Further details from Alison Dingwall.

#### Inclusive Community Missional Group.

The Inclusive Community Missional Group seeks to develop supportive liberating relationships among the wider GWUC community. Our committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month and members are Alison Dingwall, Faye Wagon and Jan Clear. We would like to welcome new committee members-Barbara Thompson and Marjorie Collins.

In March, we began a new group "Munch with a Bunch". Invitations were sent to people who dine alone and have limited group contact, within the church community. We plan to have a meeting about every eight weeks. The date for our next meeting would be Sunday 9 May. As this is Mothers' Day, we have decided to hold an Inclusive Community lunch, at the church, after the 11.00 am service. We have put a notice in the bulletin and we are hoping that people who will be alone that day will join us. If you know a church member who will be alone on the 9 May and may not receive the bulletin before that date, please tell them about the lunch.

We want to build relationships with newcomers and visitors who attend all services so we are seeking to appoint representatives from the 4.30 pm and the 7.00 pm congregations to liaise with the Newcomers Committee. We want to tighten up the welcoming process and make sure that visitors and newcomers who attend these services, will receive invitations to newcomers' functions. The next newcomers' function will be a casserole lunch (venue TBA) on Sunday 6 June. There will be welcoming segments in all services, on that day.

If you have ideas for new groups or existing groups, please let us know.

Jan Clear.

Convenor.

#### Trivia Night!

Reserve <u>Saturday 22 May</u> in your diaries for a trivia night with a twist - Generation Amalgamation!

Raising money to continue the wonderful work done by our group in Kenya, this night will have some new rounds you will not have seen before (unless you watch "Talkin' 'Bout Your Generation"), as well as old favourites.

Start assembling your multi-generational team to maximise your chances and watch out for the sign-up board in the foyer, coming soon.

#### **HELPERS WANTED FOR UTHIES AND 4.30 PM DINNERS**

Uthies is our youth group for kids in grade 5 and 6 which runs every 2nd Friday from 5.30-7.00 pm.

We are looking for some people to be on a roster to help during these evenings especially with preparing and serving simple dinners and cleaning up afterwards. At the **4.30pm Children and Family Service** we also need some more people to help prepare and serve simple dinners after the service. Food is provided. We would love to hear from you even if you can just do one Friday or Sunday a term. These are great ways to connect with our children and young families.

Please contact Debbie Davey on 0409 798 496.

Many thanks in anticipation!!

Church Council last Wednesday night made a decision to extend the ministry of Ineke Gyles, Alison Dingwall and Deb Davey until 31 Dec. This was done in recognition of the time it will take to reach a decision on a replacement for Lynette. In the case of Alison and Deb, this will take effect immediately, but in the case of Ineke, it will have to be approved by Presbytery, since she is a supply minister. This is not expected to be a problem.

Council also decided to forward the following names to the Presbytery as congregational representatives to the Joint Nominating Committee:

Mark Easton David Fraser Barbara Laidlaw Helen Boucher Warren Greenwood Dean Mann

#### Newview

The next edition of Newview is being prepared. **Your** items and articles are what makes Newview happen, so please forward your contribution to:



fayewagon@australiaonline.net.au or leave at the Church Office by Tuesday 27 April.

#### **NEW CHURCH WIKI**

Previously you will have seen an announcement in the Bulletin about how to create a user name and password for yourself, so that you can visit the new church wiki, hosted at the new permanent location: wiki.gwuc.org.au

This week, we will explore navigation in the wiki, and how you can keep up-to-date with what is happening on it.

#### Navigating the wiki:

WikiNames are two or more words, capitalized and "glued" together, like Wiki-Name. These have a special purpose in the wiki, and are the names of pages in the wiki. The first word in the name is often used to indicate what part of the church activities the wiki page describes, such as in Congregational Meeting 14 April 2010, or Council Page.

Whenever you see a WikiName in a WikiPage, it is usually highlighted in blue, indicating that it is a link to another (wiki) page. Clicking on these links will take you to that page, just as links in a normal web page do. The main difference is that the address is just the WikiName, without all the server information. For example - <a href="http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/CongregationalMeeting12Apr2010">http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/CongregationalMeeting12Apr2010</a> and CongregationalMeeting12Apr2010 are the same wiki page, but the second shorter form is what is used inside a WikiPage - hence the idea that the wiki gives a "quick" way of linking to other pages ("wiki" is Hawaiian for "quick").

Up the top of the wiki page, the system keeps a list of the last 5 or so pages that you have visited. This is convenient if you want to jump back quickly to those pages. The GWUCHomePage is also listed, just after the Uniting Church logo, as GWUCWiki, so you can jump quickly to that as well. On the HomePage itself are "quick links" to all the activities of the church covered by the wiki.

#### Subscribing to wiki pages:

If you have a particular relationship with one of the many church groups, you will want to know what's happening in that group. The wiki allows you to "Subscribe" to various pages, so that you will get sent an email whenever some new information is posted to that page. At the top of each page is a line containing various links (and the pull-down menu "More Actions"). In that line you will see the word "Subscribe". If you click this link, you can subscribe yourself to get an email whenever this page is updated.

If (when) you get sick of those emails, that same link will now say "Unsubscribe", and clicking it will reverse the subscription.

John Hurst (ajh@ajhurst.org)
Chair of Church Council

#### **DIARY DATES 2010**

(Legend: R1-Room 1, R2-Room 2, R3-Room 3, R4-Room 4, C-Church, H-Hall, V-Vestry, O-Outside Venue)

#### Monday 3 May

10.00 am	Play Group R2	& 3	(Contact:	Kaye Mackinnon 9560 4746)
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10.30 am Leisure Time R1 & F & K 7.45 pm Property Committee R1

**8.00 pm** Badminton H (Contact: Ian McMillan 9803 1813)

**8.00 pm** Young Adult Group O (Contact: Helen Boucher 8819 3714)

**8.00 pm Bible Study Share & Prayer O** (Contact: Garry Philpott 9803 8903)

#### **Tuesday 4 May**

10.00 am- Community	/ Hub
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**2.00 pm** Everyone welcome. Pop in for a cuppa and chat. We'd LOVE to see you!

10.00 am UCAF Group Luncheon H C & F 2.00 pm Men's Fellowship R1 & F

8.00 pm Deo Volente R1

**8.00 pm** Encounter O (Contact: Lois Hosking 9560 19871)

#### Wednesday 5 May

7.00 pm	<b>Band Practice R3</b>
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**8.00 pm** Young Adult Group O (Contact: Alanee Hearnshaw 0402 030 342)

**8.00 pm** Free Spirit C (Deb Leigh 0411 778 417)

**8.00 pm Book Group O** will meet at the home of Graham & Mary Ward

26/699 Highbury Road, Burwood East - 9802 9215

#### Thursday 6 May

10.00 am-	Community	/ Hub

**2.00 pm** Everyone welcome. Pop in for a cuppa and chat. We'd LOVE to see you!

1.30 pm Scotsglen Singers H

**8.00 pm** Choir C (Contact:-Barbara Hurst 9803 9346)

**8.00 pm** Badminton H (Contact: Ian McMillan 9803 1813)

**8.00 pm** Community of Faith Meeting at Mirini Lang's home, 25 Kennedy Street

Glen Waverley

8.00 pm Outreach Missional Group Meeting O

8.00 pm Adult Group C

#### Friday 7 May

10.00 am Ineke's Friday Morning Group R4

**11.30 am** Cooee F Come along for a cuppa/chat/lunch/scrabble. BYO lunch,

tea, coffee, biscuits provided. (Contact: Ailsa Stewart 9802 3229)

**5.30 pm Uthies** 'Olympics'

**7.00 pm** Youth - 'Thank God you're here!' \$2

#### **DIARY DATES 2010**

(Legend: R1-Room 1, R2-Room 2, R3-Room 3, R4-Room 4, C-Church, H-Hall, V-Vestry, O-Outside Venue)

#### Monday 26 April

#### **Anzac Day Holiday**

**7.30 pm** Meditation Group O (Contact: Bobbie Rooks 9803 0379)

**10.00 pm** Badminton H (Contact: Ian McMillan 9803 1813)

**8.00 pm** Young Adult Group O (Contact: Helen Boucher 8819 3714)

#### **Tuesday 27 April**

10.00 am- Community Hub

**2.00 pm** Everyone welcome. Pop in for a cuppa and chat. We'd LOVE to see

you!

11.15 am UCAF Executive R4

**10.00 am Play Group R2 & 3** (*Contact: Kaye Mackinnon 9560 4746*)

8.00 pm Deo Volente R1

#### Wednesday 28 April

**10.00 am** Play Group R2 & 3 (Contact: Kaye Mackinnon 9560 4746)

7.00 pm Band Practice R3

8.00 pm Young Adult Group O (Contact: Alanee Hearnshaw 0402 030 342)

**8.00 pm** Free Spirit O (Contact Deb Leigh 0411 778 417)

#### Thursday 29 April

10.00 am- Community Hub

**2.00 pm** Everyone welcome. Pop in for a cuppa and chat. We'd LOVE to see

you!

7.30 pm Post Easter Study R2

800 pm Choir C

**8.00 pm** Badminton H (Contact: Ian McMillan 9803 1813)

#### Friday 30 April

9.30 am Food Safety Training Programme R2
10.00 am Ineke's Friday Morning Group V

**11.30 am** Cooee F Come along for a cuppa/chat/lunch/scrabble. BYO lunch.

Tea, coffee, biscuits provided. (Contact: Ailsa Stewart 9802 3229)

7.00 pm Youth Group C 'Amazing Race' \$2

#### Sunday 2 May

12.15 pm Club 2010 F & K

Ineke will be on Study Leave 24 April—5 May!
Please contact the Office if you have any messages for Ineke during this time.

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EVENT	ORGANISED BY	AMOUNT RAISED
Book Sale	GOLD FISH (Sale of Books)	\$ 4,005.10
[TOTAL \$4,194.75]	Choir (Morning Tea)	\$ 189.65
Cathedral Music	Choir	\$ 1,650.00
TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED TO-DATE	VISED TO-DATE	\$ 5,844.75



# Have you admired the beautiful 'baby boxes' sometimes on display in the Church Office?

These 'baby boxes' are the result of a passion which has led Faye Schroeter, a member of our congregation, to provide a 'start' for new unmarried mothers, giving them a box which includes many necessities a new baby might require.

Faye 'haunts' Op Shops looking for suitable articles, at her own expense.

If you could help Faye by contributing any baby clothes, toys, bunny rugs etc, this would help her assist those unmarried mothers having a struggle with a new-born

The boxes are distributed through various hospitals.

#### PRECIS OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING held 12th April 2010

Last Monday evening members of the congregation heard enthusiastic reports of happenings in the *On the Way Together* strategies of our church community. Ross Mackinnon, Jan Clear, Judith Greenwood and Lyn McDonald told down to earth stories of people finding and growing in the Christian faith. Many of these stories have been and will be told in the *Bulletin* from time to time.

John Hurst gave a comprehensive assessment of the life and work of the Congregation, which will likely be published in a future edition of *Newview*. Roger Vass presented the Annual Statement of Accounts which showed an income of \$450000 and a small surplus for year 2009. The meeting received the Statement subject to audit.

John Colvin reported that the manse and hall building developments were now completed and had been formally approved by the Building Surveyor. All costs of the work had been met by the sale of the Berkley manse without any payments being made out of the General Fund.

Ross Mackinnon spoke about the growing involvement of Elders in worship and pastoral activities. He commented that it was great to see new members accepting responsibility as Elders.

Alison Dingwall, one of our three Presbytery representatives, shared with us the excitement and the growing pains of the new Port Phillip East Presbytery.

The most significant decision of the meeting was to resolve to appoint a Joint Nominating Committee (joint with the Presbytery) to call a minister to fill the vacancy left when Rev Lynette Dungan finished her term at Glen Waverley. The Committee was asked to look for an ordained minister in the first instance. Papers that canvassed various ministry arrangements were presented by the Church Council and by the Ministry Team. These are available through the church office to anyone who was unable to attend the meeting.

# Mark and Kimberly would like to invite you to celebrate with them

# Joel Reilly Easton's Baptism at 4.30 pm TODAY with dinner following.





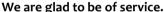
The National Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia is pleased to announce the successful entrants in the **Songs That Unite** song competition. We were thrilled with the number and high quality of entries. The judges commend the winners for their songs and all those who submitted entries.

#### And among the five Highly Commended

Jason Mann, Undone

#### SUPPORTIVE CARE LINK SERVICE

Please contact **Laurel Muir 9560 1518** if you are aware of people needing the support provided through our Care Link Service.





Save Office costs, receive your Weekly Bulletin by email - and save some trees at the same time! Anyone wishing to avail themselves of the opportunity to receive the Church Bulletin via email please fill in one of the brown forms on the Office Counter or email your request to Wendy at office@gwucorg.au

#### **Property Committee Request**

Would <u>ALL</u> groups please advise Wendy in the Office of their various room bookings through to the end of 2010. This includes Elders, Church Council, Play Groups, Choirs, Bands, Cooee, Uthies, Youth Group, Adult Group, UCAF, Badminton, Meditation Group, Bible Study Share & Prayer, Men's Fellowship, Leisure Time, Pastoral Care, Hub meetings, Young Adult Groups, Communications Committee Book Group, Youth Council, Welfare, etc etc etc. This would be very much appreciated!

#### Entertainment Books - the books are here!

At \$65 each, these are packed with 25-50% off or 2-for-1 vouchers for hundreds of restaurants, hotels, attractions, sports and leisure around Melbourne.

From a great way to discover new places to eat out to the key to 5% off your groceries for the year (5% off Coles gift cards). A full listing of the vouchers is at http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/, including a searchable map.

Hope you can take opportunity to support the work of the church and save money at the same time. See the table in the foyer between Services, Wendy in the office during the week or Kaye Morgan on 0403451309/kayemorgan7@hotmail.com.

#### Friends of Baguia (East Timor) Trivia Night

If you would like to further support our East Timorese friends in Baguia, and have a fun night out, then come and join us at the Friends of Baguia Trivia night at Malvern Town Hall on Friday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm.

We would love you to join us! For more details, please ring Meagan (0432 095 201) or Judy Lowe (9885 8514)



As part of the Glen Waverley and District InterChurch Council "Cycle of Prayer - Congregations praying together", we at Glen Waverley Uniting Church lift up in prayer Rev Bill Brown and his congregation at Syndal Baptist Church.

		<b>ROSTERS - 2010</b>	
BIBLE READERS			
April 25	9.00 am	Lois Hosking	
•	11.00 am	Ann Wylie	
May 2	9.00 am	Barbara Thompson	
•	11.00 am	Evelyn Fleming	
DOOR STEWARDS		, 5	
April 25	9.00 am	Ron & Jenny Major	
, .p 25	11.00 am	Ross & Pat Vevers	
May 2	9.00 am	John & Laurel Muir, Lyn Boyer	
,	11.00 am	Mike Patterson, Pam Graham	
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April 25	8.00 am	Beverly McGlead	
May 2	8.00 am	John Hurst	
, _	9.00 am	<b>Glenn Laub,</b> Jan Clear, Geraldine Fler	ning, Lois Hosking
		John Kenez, Judy Lowe, Doug Newbe	-
<u>ELDERS</u>		DOOR	VESTRY
April 25	9.00 am	Brian Clarkson, John Kenez	Kaye Morgan
April 23	11.00 am	Joy Jackson, Gael O'Brien	David Jackson
May 2	9.00 am	Barbara Krieger, Alan Barnard	Belinda Chung
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April 25	9.00 am	Michael & Joanne Boldiston	
April 23	11.00 am	Peter Claridge, Winnie McGregor	
May 2	9.00 am	Carmel Stork, Mike Patterson	
y <u>_</u>	11.00 am	Bruce Graham, Doug Newberry	
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<u>FLOWERS</u> April 25		Chris Drummond	
May 2		Gael O'Brien	
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April 25		Debbie Amos, David & Anna Yeo	F
May 2		Jan Clear, Shanta Mohinadeen, Judy I	rry
<u>ORGANISTS</u>			
April 25	8.00 am	Elwyn Pederson	
	9.00 am	Worship Band	
	11.00 am	Nathan Hurst	
May 2	8.00 am	Roger Vass	
	9.00 am	Robert Fleming	
	11.00 am	Elwyn Pederson	
WELCOME TABLE			

#### **WELCOME TABLE**

April 25 Geoff & Norma Saxton May 2 Murray & Judy Lowe

**CHOIR INFORMATION** http://www.ajh.id.au/ggg/ChoirPage or phone 9803 9346

#### CLEANING - 1 May 2010

Area 1: Ross & Kaye MackinnonArea 2: Bruce & Joyce EnnorArea 3: Eric Armstrong & David RossLawns: Ian McMillan, Creagh Bown



# All contributions for the Bulletin should be received at the Church Office by 9.30 am on the Thursday morning!

Articles arriving after this time will be placed in the following week's Bulletin.

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### « MUNCH WITH A BUNCH »

This is a new group formed by the Inclusive Community group and is for those who dine alone and have limited group contact. We will usually meet in a private home, but on Mother's Day [May 9<sup>th</sup>] have decided to have lunch at the church – following the 11.00am service.

So, if you will be alone on this day, [maybe your family members are interstate or overseas], please come along and share in lunch.

Lunch will be provided, but we ask you to, if you are able, make a donation of \$5.00 towards the cost of the catering.

Please add your name to this list on the office counter – as this will help us to organise the catering.

If you would like to know more you are welcome to contact

Jan Clear 9803 6820 Alison Dingwall 9560 3167 Faye Wagon 9560 7598



#### **OUTREACH MISSIONAL GROUP**

This month's Outreach Mission Group received exciting updates on a number of current Outreach activities, and we are pleased to pass this news on to you:

#### **CLOSE THE GAP**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> March GWUC hosted a dinner and informative session to recognise National Close the Gap Day 2010, a day that seeks to raise awareness about indigenous health issues in the wider community. With presentations from Bec Weterings, a third year Nursing student, Nicole Boyer, a practicing dietician and Amé Pocklington, one of our church interns, plus a fabulous dinner, the evening was most definitely a success.

#### KNITTING FOR AFRICA

During their recent trip to South Africa, Alex and Walter Skilton distributed the clothing knitted by members of the congregation to some of the poorest people in the country. Wherever they went the items were very gratefully received as the need was so great. Many of the donations were passed on to the community based organisation, Philani, which runs a Child Health & Nutrition Project in one of the poorest areas outside Cape Town. Also, some garments, blankets and wool were given to the Woman's Auxiliary Group and the Ladies Morning Fellowship at the Tableview Methodist Church, who will in turn pass them on to the Emmanuel Centre, for needs of cerebral palsy children in Atlantis. Our heartfelt thanks go to all who supported this initiative and donated materials, and especially to Alex and Walter, who have enabled these items to reach communities where they are so desperately needed.

#### **LAURA IN MANINGRIDA**

Laura Morgan is currently working as a Year 3 teacher in Maningrida, a remote town in Arnhem Land, Northern Territory. The community is 90% indigenous, and for many of the students English is their second or third language. Over the Easter School Holidays she returned for a short visit to Melbourne, and had the opportunity to share her experience with some members of the congregation. Her presentation was eye-opening and challenging, but despite many difficulties she is always positive. We hope you will all keep Laura in your prayers as she continues this challenging but essential work. You can find more information on the noticeboard in the church foyer.